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South Vietnam: [Tension in Saigon has increased as a result of some thirty political arrests in the past few weeks. The arrests ostensibly were for the purpose of questioning opposition leaders in connection with the pending trials of prisoners held since the abortive coup of November 1960. The trials, however, have apparently been further postponed, and the recent arrests are widely believed to reflect a government effort to round up neutralists or potential coup plotters.]

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[There have been no recent reports of serious coup plotting, although [redacted]

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[redacted] restiveness continues among military officers concerned over a possible command shake-up and over constant government surveillance. [redacted]

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[redacted] Viet Cong agents in Saigon were ordered on 23 July to suspend terrorist activities and to prepare to create disorders in the event of a coup.]

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South Korea: [ Junta leader General Pak Chong-hui may be maneuvering to ease his controversial security chief, Colonel Kim Chong-pil, into an overseas assignment. There have been increasing rumors in Seoul press circles that Kim may be sent to the US as a special envoy to head the South Korean UN delegation. The leader of the "young colonels" group, Kim is one of the strongest supporters of the regime, but his corrupt financial activities have embarrassed the junta, which is trying to expand its narrow base of public support. He previously indicated that he would strongly resist any attempt to oust him from his present post. Kim's removal would probably be accompanied by a new factional crisis within the top leadership, possibly threatening the stability of the regime.]

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India: [The Indian cabinet's defense subcommittee on 25 July reviewed military developments in Ladakh and, despite the minor shooting incidents which have occurred, reaffirmed the present Indian policy of occupying areas claimed but not actually held by the Chinese. [redacted]

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[redacted] in the subcommittee's discussion of Krishna Menon's report on his inconclusive conversations in Geneva with Peiping's Foreign Minister Chen Yi, Nehru declined to take any step to prepare the way for negotiations with Peiping.]

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[The subcommittee decided to defer action on the proposed purchase of MIG-21s from the Soviet Union until the Indian Defense Ministry delegation scheduled to leave for Moscow in early August has reported its findings. [redacted]

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[redacted] Nehru last week informed Mikoyan of India's intention to "go ahead" with the MIG negotiations with the USSR.]

[A small Indian Air Force team which departed for Moscow on 27 July is believed to be charged with negotiating procurement of Soviet engines for high-performance fighter aircraft of Indian manufacture.]

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South Africa:

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A number of sabotage incidents occurred in the industrial Johannesburg area some months ago, and the dissidents apparently intend to renew such activities, concentrating on the port city of Durban, which has extensive docks, an oil refinery, and key communications facilities. The sugar-processing industry, which is especially vulnerable to arson attack, is also centered in Durban.

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